

February 6, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Commission Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
CY-B402  
Washington, DC 20554  
Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Commission:

I write today to voice support for SBC's application to compete for long distance customers in Michigan.

Increasing competition will bring greater value to consumers and give them the same choices that residents in more than a dozen states are currently enjoying. Granting SBC's long distance application will do exactly that.

I commend the Michigan Public Service Commission for ensuring Michigan's local telephone market is open to competition. In the past two years we've seen local competition grow to twenty percent in Michigan. In addition, it is my understanding that SBC received good grades on the company's systems that support local phone competition.

Please take serious the need to approve SBC's application. I encourage and thank you for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

LARRY JULIAN  
State Representative  
85<sup>th</sup> District